

Marika-Alderton House

Address Yirrkalla, NT
 Practice Glenn Murcutt
 Designed 1991 Completed 1994

History & Description
 The Marika-Alderton house, designed by Glenn Murcutt, is situated in an open tropical landscape facing a beach on the Gulf of Carpentaria. It is an excellent example of a house designed with an understanding of both cultural relationships and orientation to suit hot humid and hot dry seasonal conditions. The floating roof and overhangs; shuttered 'walls' and external fin walls help mediate shading and the prevailing breezes. It is a fine, later, expression of the architect's design philosophy established in his earlier noteworthy work near Kempsey, NSW. The house was construction with steel and timber prefabricated frames and components.

The client, Marmburra Wananumba Banduk Marika, an artist, film maker and community worker, and husband Mark Alderton, live with their community.

Statement of Significance
 The Marika-Alderton House is an excellent example of a contemporary tropical residence. It reflects the analytical process undertaken by the architect and has been featured in international publications. The house is recognised as a significant work in the career of the internationally notable architect.

Criteria Applicable

- N1– Significant heritage value in demonstrating principal characteristics of a particular class or period of design.
- N2 – Significant heritage value in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics.
- N3 – Significant heritage value in establishing a high degree of creative achievement.
- N5 – Having a special association with the life or works of an architect of significant importance in our history.



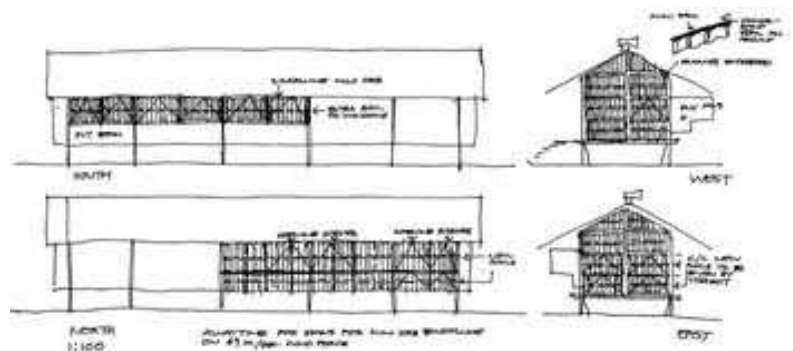
East end (facing community)



Internal view main living area



Beach Entry



Design Sketches